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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
on International Terrorism

1. On 22 May 1984, CIA participated in a briefing for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at 2:00 p.m. in Room S-116 of the Capitol on the Administration's Anti-terrorist policy. A transcript was taken.

Present from the Committee were:

Charles McC. Mathias (R., MD), Presiding  
Joseph R. Biden (D., DE)  
Claiborne Pell (D., RI)  
Paul Sarbanes (D., MD)  
Alan Cranston (D. CA)  
Paula Hawkins (R., FL)

The witnesses included

Ambassador Robert Sayre  
Director,  
Office for Combatting Terrorism  
Department of State

Oliver North  
Deputy Director of Political-Military Affairs  
National Security Council

Major General W. H. Rice  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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25X1 [redacted]  
International Activities Division  
[redacted]  
Directorate of Operations  
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

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Terrorist Groups Branch  
Instability and Insurgency Center  
Office of Global Issues -  
Directorate of Intelligence  
25X1 Central Intelligence Agency [redacted]

25X1 2. CIA participated in the briefing at the request of Mr. North. The purpose was to brief the Senators on NSDD 138 which is the Administration's policy for combatting terrorism. CIA witnesses were expected to discuss the current status of terrorism activity and to provide an overview of how CIA assists in the US effort to counter terrorism. A similar briefing was held several weeks earlier but the Committee wanted another opportunity to consider the program. [redacted]

25X1 3. The briefing on 22 May began with discussion of the recent Libyan incident in London and prospects for international anti-terrorism cooperation which will be considered at the London Summit in July. Ambassador Sayre cited what is seen as a new trend toward state-directed terrorism, and he showed geographic charts describing where most terrorist incidents occur and where Soviet-supported terrorism is strongest. He then outlined what the State Department is doing to provide additional protection to US officials overseas. [redacted]

25X1 4. [redacted] provided CIA's assessment of the terrorist threat. Considerable time was spent debating the definition of terrorism, with several Senators insisting the Nicaraguan "contras" are conducting terrorist activities with US support. [redacted] was not asked to comment on the DO's anti-terrorism program. [redacted]

25X1 5. Major Rice described steps the Armed Services are taking to combat terrorism, including training, new procedures, and greater cooperation with other US government agencies. [redacted]

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25X1 6. The briefing was disrupted by various Senators  
25X1 leaving to vote on the Senate floor. Senator Biden ended  
the session without any follow up requests.



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